



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Two-day Workshop on VHDL and FPGA Hands on Training from 4th-5th May, 2024.**
- **A Weeklong Training on 3D Printing from from 13th-17th May, 2024.**
- **Inauguration of Girls Hostel to be held on 27th May, 2024.**
- **MoU to be Signed between SMVD University and SKUAST -Jammu on 29th May, 24.**
- **One Day Training program to be held on 29th May, 24.**

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CEO, Shrine Board, Sh. Anshul Garg, inaugurates Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra at SMVDU

Chief Executive Officer of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Sh. Anshul Garg, IAS, inaugurated Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra in the Medical Aid Centre, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar, along with other dignitaries, present on the occasion. This Aushadhi Kendra will provide affordable medicine to the staff, faculty, and students of the university and outsiders. On the occasion, Prof. Pragati Kumar and Sh. Anshul Garg visited various Labs and Wards of the Medical Aid Centre and interacted with the staff members of the Medical Aid Centre. Dr. Pallav Sharma, Medical Officer of the university briefed Prof. Pragati Kumar and Sh, Anshul Garg about the Medical Aid Centre. It is pertinent to mentioned that Medical Aid Centre is organizing a health Check-Up Camp for the students as well as all the employees of the University in which various official Mr. Neeraj Gupta (JKAS), Finance Officer, Prof Balbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Dean, Faculty of Management, Dr. Anju Sharma, BMO, Katra and other staff members of the university were present.



Workshop on International Scientific Cooperation held at SMVDU



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University hosted a one-day workshop focused on fostering international scientific cooperation. The workshop, titled "International Scientific Cooperation" was organized by the Office of International and Alumni Affairs, SMVDU. Dr.S K Varshney, a distinguished figure in the realm of international cooperation and a former Adviser and Head of the International Cooperation Division at the

Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, graced the occasion as the invited speaker. Dr. Varshney discussed various aspects of international collaboration focused on various stakeholders such as scholars, faculty and institutes. Mr. Varshney, drawing from his extensive experience, underscored the importance of forging partnerships across borders to address pressing global challenges and accelerate scientific progress. Also, a detailed presentation on various schemes of Indian government which support international scientific cooperation apart from global scholarships and schemes available for students, scholars were also discussed. Prof. Pragati Kumar (Vice Chancellor, SMVDU) conveyed his vision about the need for international scientific cooperation and the commitment of SMVD University for fostering international cooperation. Dr. Yugal Khajuria (Dean, International and Alumni Affairs) and Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Associate Dean, International and Alumni Affairs) also spoke on the occasion and briefed about the need for international cooperation for achieving global excellence in research. Senior faculty members, staff members and scholars from various disciplines attended the event.

Workshop cum Board of Studies (BoS) of the School of Languages and Literature held at SMVDU

A workshop cum Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the School of Languages and Literature at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was held to design the course structure and course curriculum according to NEP -2020. The School of Languages and Literature is going to start the Four Year Undergraduate Program from the coming Academic Year. A detailed discussion was carried out in the workshop by the external experts and faculty members of the School of Languages and Literature.

Prof. Nagendra Kumar from IIT Roorkee, Prof. R. P. Singh from the University of Lucknow, Prof. Anupama Vohra from the University of Jammu, Prof. Monika Sharma from the Cluster University of Jammu, Dr. A. K. Das, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and other faculty members of the School of Languages and Literature attended the workshop. During the inauguration of the workshop, Dr. Anurag Kumar, Head, School of Languages and Literature, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra welcomed all the external experts in the workshop. During the proceeding of the workshop, detailed discussion and brainstorming were done on the said course structure. Valuable suggestions and fruitful thoughts given by the experts were incorporated in the programmes. The Head admired all the experts for their valuable suggestions and active participation in the workshop. Dr. Isha Malhotra, Coordinator of the workshop gave the vote of thanks to all the experts and faculty members for successful completion of the workshop cum BoS.



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National Workshop on GREEN-CERTIFIED BUILDING MATERIALS held at SMVD University

A workshop focused on augmenting the Green initiatives under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) was held at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. The workshop titled "Green-Certified Building Materials" was organized by the School of Architecture & Landscape Design (SoALD) along with the School of Civil Engineering, School of Mechanical Engineering & School of Energy Management in collaboration with TATA Steel Limited (TSL). During the workshop, Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU conveyed the vision of the University towards sustainable development of the University campus and extended the cooperative & committed initiatives of the University for MoU with Industry leader,



TATA Steel Limited. Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs spoke about the significance of the sustainability and the Green initiatives of the SMVD University. Ar. Abhiney Gupta, Assistant Prof. & I/c Head, SoALD discussed about the importance of the eco-friendly building materials in the construction industry. Further, an interactive lecture was delivered by Mr. Vivek Rai, Head, Product Application Group, TSL that enlightened the aspiring Architects & Engineers about the Industrial Green initiatives in terms of manufacturing process of Steel as building material. TSL is the first Indian Company that has acquired Green Pro certificate for the rebar manufacturing process. Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Associate Professor & Coordinator of the workshop kindled the participants by citing Green rated buildings in the country and the joint role of the Architects & Engineers towards achieving the SDGs in his inaugural address. And conclusively, Ar. Navin Gupta, Assistant Professor presented the vote of thanks. The event was graced by the Patron, Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Mr. Ajay Kumar, JKAS, Registrar, Mr. Kamal Sharma, University Engineer, Mr. Hemant Bhargav, Chief Sales Manager, TATA Tison Ltd, Deans & Heads of the University and Senior Architects of the Jammu region. The faculty, staff, Scholars & students had participated in the event.

SMVDU and Punjab Engineering College (PEC) forge Path of Academic and Research Collaboration: MoU Signing Ceremony marks Milestone



In a landmark event nurturing academic collaboration and innovation, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra and Punjab Engineering College (PEC), Chandigarh joined hands in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ceremony held at the prestigious SMVDU premises on April 27, 2024. The event was graced by the Registrar, Deans and Heads of the school from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi university highlighting the commitment of SMVDU towards fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration and

academic excellence. The ceremony witnessed the esteemed presence of the Director Prof. Baldev Setia and delegation from Punjab Engineering College (PEC), highlighting the significance of the occasion. The ceremony commenced with opening remarks by the esteemed Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar, setting the tone for an event filled with promise, collaboration, and innovation. In his address, Prof. Pragati Kumar articulated the significance of the partnership between SMVDU and PEC, emphasizing the potential for synergistic collaboration to drive academic and research endeavours to new heights. Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Associate Dean Academic Affairs, SMVDU, captivated the audience with a comprehensive presentation offering insights into the rich academic tapestry of SMVDU. A brief overview of different programs being offered at SMVDU and introduction of new programs like B.Tech (Biotechnology), Bachelor of Design (B. Des), B. Tech in Mathematics and Computing, Design your Degree program and offering B. Tech (Honors) and B. Tech with Minor specializations from Academic session 2024-2025 at SMVDU was discussed and Director PEC applauded the SMVDU Vice Chancellor for introducing these programs keeping in view the evolving educational scenario and attaining the vision of Atam Nirbhar Bharat. The comprehensive presentation offering insights into the overview of PEC was delivered by Dean, Research of PEC, Prof. Arun Kumar and Professor R.S. Walia, the distinguished representative from PEC, served as the gracious host and facilitator of PEC's participation in the event. With the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by Professor Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, and Professor Baldev Setia, Director PEC, among other eminent delegates, doors have been opened for cooperation between the two illustrious institutions. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor of SMVDU expressed his hopes for collaborative PhD programs, praising the potential for new ideas and collaboration that such endeavours could inspire. With the signing of the MoU, students pursuing different programs at both institutions stand to benefit from enhanced opportunities for cross-institutional collaboration, enriching their academic journey and preparing them for the challenges of the modern world. The ceremony's closing remarks by Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs of SMVDU echoed the spirit of togetherness in diversity and the drive for greatness, signalling the start of a new age in academic collaboration as well as the formalities of a new relationship. As the sun set over the picturesque campus, attendees gathered at the Guest House of the University for an evening filled with Significant connections and delightful conversations.

School of Biotechnology, SMVDU organized a One Day Awareness Program on Biotech Entrepreneurship in Collaboration with IIIM-Technology Business Incubator



A one-day awareness program on Biotech Entrepreneurship, Startups, and Skill Development training was organized by the School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. The program was attended by the undergraduate, post graduate and Ph.D. scholars of the department along with the staff and faculty members. The occasion was graced by an invited speaker, Er. Ankush Varma from IIIM, Jammu, who is a distinguished figure in the realm of entrepreneurship & startups and is presently working as Co-ordinator/CEO at IIIM-TBI (BioNEST Incubator). The purpose of the awareness program was to support and create awareness about startups, understand the challenges of being an entrepreneur, and the importance of skill-based training and increasing the culture of startups and self-employment for young entrepreneurs. The students and faculty had an interactive discussion with the speakers and were provided with valuable insights into how they can start and run their own technology-based enterprise. The event was conceptualized and managed by Dr. Anil Kumar, SoBT, coordinator of the awareness program, with the encouragement and coordination of Dr. Ratna Chandra, Head of the School of Biotechnology. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, expressed satisfaction with the efforts of the faculty of the School of Biotechnology towards the overall grooming and development of their students as abled professionals. He laid stress on organizing more such programs to enhance knowledge of the students at SMVDU.

Inspirational Session on "Managing Stress and Mental Well Being by MAAsterG" hosted by Shri Mata Devi University



In an endeavour to foster spiritual development and well-being among its students and faculty, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized a thought-provoking session titled "Role of Spirituality in managing Stress & ensuring Mental Well-being." The event, witnessed enthusiastic participation from both the students and faculty members. The highlight of the event was the enlightening lecture by MAAsterG, whose profound insights into spirituality and stress management captivated the audience. MAAsterG, a renowned spiritual leader and founder of GOD HOME JOURNEY TRUST, embodies a profound mission centered on the attainment of happiness and well-being for individuals worldwide. Adding to the enriching atmosphere, the continuous listeners of MAAsterG's divine lectures had opportunity to share their personal journeys and experiences related to stress management and spiritual practices. This interactive segment developed a sense of belonging and empathy among the audience. Recognized YouTuber Gurashish Singh mesmerized the audience with his soothing melodies and harmonious guitar compositions during a soul-stirring musical interlude. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar, who served as the guest of honour. Prof. Kumar's presence underscored the university's commitment to promoting initiatives that nurture the holistic well-being of its academic community. In his welcome address, Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs, emphasized the significance of nurturing good mental health for achieving holistic development. Following the engaging discussions, a lively question and answer session provided attendees a chance to engage directly with MAAsterG, delving deeper into the intricacies of spirituality and its applications in daily life. Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Associate Dean Academic Affairs and coordinator of the event expressed gratitude on behalf of the university for the insightful contributions of the speakers and performers. The session culminated with a heartwarming group photograph, capturing the spirit of generosity and shared commitment to holistic well-being among attendees. The "Role of Spirituality in managing Stress & ensuring Mental Well-being" session served as a testament to SMVDU's dedication to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment where individuals can thrive both academically and personally.

External Experts

Joint Secretary of NITI Aayog delivered an Expert Talk at SMVDU

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra organized an expert talk on Mission Lifestyle for Environment. The talk was delivered by Shri Yugal Joshi Joint secretary, NITI AYOOG and Director Mission LiFE. The talk was enlightening and inspiring, shedding light on how each one of us can make a difference in preserving our planet through mindful lifestyle choices. He specifically highlighted examples of sustainable living practices and emphasized individual responsibility towards the environment that sparked a significant interest among the students. The chief guest of the event was the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar. The expert talk was coordinated by Professor of Practice, Smt.



Uma Devi in the University. The event was organized in collaboration with the NSS unit of the University. Following the expert talk there was a wonderful display of talent by NSS volunteers celebrating their 2nd Foundation day. Songs, poems and classical dance were the highlight of the cultural program. NSS student coordinator Sadhvi Sharma presented a brief presentation of various activities organized by the NSS unit during the last two years. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragti Kumar felicitated Shri Yugal Joshi and thanked him for the efforts in finalizing a subject based on Mission LiFE. They also appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers for their exemplary work in the last two years. NSS volunteers Sadhvi Sharma and Abhishek Kumar Sharma were also awarded for their extraordinary and selfless contribution in the NSS team during the last two years. NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar and Co-coordinator, Dr. Kamaldeep were also present during the event.

Student Updates

NSS SMVDU celebrates 2nd Foundation Day at SMVDU

NSS unit of SMVDU celebrated its 2nd Foundation Day. NSS coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar presented a brief report of various activities carried out by the NSS unit. Cultural performances were also there by the volunteers. Vice chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar were the chief guest of the event. Songs, poems and classical dance were the highlight of the cultural program. They also appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers for their exemplary work in



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Students of the School of Civil Engineering, SMVDU presented a Paper in a National Conference AEMTA-2024

Third year B Tech students of the School of Civil Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presented a technical paper in a National Conference on "Advanced and Emerging Materials for Technological Applications (AEMTA 2024)". Arush Kattal presented a paper titled "A Comprehensive Review on the Integration of Waste Materials for Sustainable Technological Advancement in Civil Engineering". Another group of students Kevin Somra and Pooja Kharra presented a paper titled "Sustainable Materials as a Column Filler: A Review". Both the groups were guided by Mr Srijan (Assistant Professor, SoCE). The conference was organized by Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal in collaboration with IIT Jammu, NIT Delhi and IAHT Ludhiana. Both the papers will be published in the Springer Proceedings.



Astronomy Club at SMVDU organized a Telescope Workshop

VYOM-Astronomy Club of SMVDU hosted an enlightening Workshop cum Introductory Session focused on telescope. The workshop was organised to bring the universe closer to students and astronomy enthusiasts and the event aimed to demystify the complexities surrounding telescopic observations and inspire a deeper appreciation for the night sky. The Workshop cum Introductory Session on Telescopes was not only an educational experience but also a testament to the growing interest in astronomy among students. It provided a solid foundation for beginners and offered seasoned stargazers new insights into their passion. The Astronomy Club expressed hopes that this event would spark a lasting interest in celestial observations, leading to more such gatherings in the future.



NSS SMVDU, Katra organised Blood Donation Camp for the Thalassemia Patients

NSS SMVDU, Katra, in collaboration with the J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society, successfully organized a blood donation camp at the SMVDU campus. This event united community members in support of a life-saving cause. The camp was organised by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Coordinator, Dr. Kamaldeep, NSS Co-ordinator and Dr. Varun Dutta, Asst. Prof., SMVDU, and supported by Dr. Pallav Sharma and Dr. Anju Sharma from the Medical Aid Centre, SMVDU, the initiative witnessed an impressive turnout. Additionally, Dr. K.K. Kaul, Former Professor & HoD, Pathology Dept., GMC Jammu, graced the blood camp with his presence. Dr. Mitali Sharma and



Dr. Rasmi from GMC, Jammu, oversaw and provided essential support at a blood donation camp. Fifty students and staff members from the University generously donated blood during the camp, showcasing acts of kindness and solidarity. This altruistic gesture holds the potential to significantly impact the lives of numerous individuals combating Thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder. Er. Sudhir Sethi, President of J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society, Jammu, emphasized the vital role of regular blood donation camps for Thalassemia patients, highlighting the growing need for blood due to frequent transfusions required by many patients. He urged the community to actively participate in mitigating the sufferings of Thalassemia children and preventing the birth of such children through genetic counseling and proper antenatal advice. Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, commended the organizing team's efforts, emphasizing that blood donation is not merely an act of kindness but a lifeline for those in need. He underscored the profound impact of collective action, illustrating how each donation represents a ray of hope for individuals bravely facing Thalassemia.

NSS SMVDU organized Wall Painting Event around University Campus

NSS SMVDU Katra volunteers organized a wall painting event around the University campus. The event was organized for two days and more than 30 volunteers worked enthusiastically for the beautification of the area. The wall painting work was carried out on a long wall outside the main gate of the University. Themes based paintings were drawn by NSS

volunteers. A forest scene was created which involved paintings of greenery, elephant, deer, monkey, peacock etc. Various dance forms of India were also drawn. Yoga postures were also painted during the event. Messages related to voting and cleanliness were also drawn. The NSS logo was also painted on the wall. NSS student coordinators Sadhvi Sharma and Abhishek



Sharma coordinated the whole event for two days. The event was funded by the Regional Directorate of NSS Delhi. NSS coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar also participated in the said event. Vice chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers for organizing the event.

SMVDU Research Scholar qualified for the Senior Research Fellowship

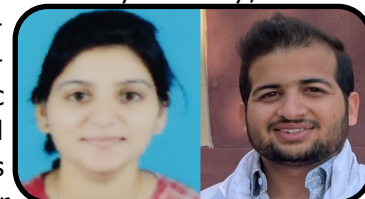
In a significant achievement for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Mr. Rajeshwer Singh Jamwal, a research scholar from the School of Biotechnology working under the Supervision of Dr. Rakesh Kumar, has successfully qualified for the Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) awarded by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) at the national level. This prestigious recognition is a testament to Mr. Jamwal's hard work and dedication to his field of study. Mr. Jamwal is working on topic entitled "Characterisation of DNA Damage Associated Genes in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer in Population Of Jammu And Kashmir, India". His work delves into the genetic factors influencing Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer susceptibility within this specific regional context. Publications across journals such as Cancer Epidemiology, Molecular Biology Reports, and BMC Cancer highlight significant findings, including the impact of single nucleotide variants in genes like *REV3L* on lung cancer risk, and the role of telomere attrition in Lung cancer development. These studies underscore the importance of targeted genetic research and pave the way for personalized medicine approaches, potentially revolutionizing prevention, and treatment strategies for cancer in genetically diverse populations like that of Jammu and Kashmir. This accomplishment not only enhances Mr. Jamwal's



academic profile but also elevates the standing of SMVDU as a leading institution in scientific research and innovation. The university community is proud of Mr. Jamwal's achievements and looks forward to his continued contributions to the field of biotechnology. This is to mention here that only 35 fellows were selected in 2024 out of thousands of candidates. Mr. Jamwal extends his heartfelt gratitude to his Supervisor, Dr. Rakesh Kumar his mentorship. Hon'ble Vice chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar congratulated Mr. RS Jamwal and his supervisor.

Ph.D. Scholars of SMVDU qualified GATE-2024 in Physics

Two Ph.D. scholars from the School of Physics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University namely, Meniak Khajuria S/O Puran Khajuria R/O Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu and Arti Khajuria D/O Ashok Kumar R/O City Chowk, Rajouri have qualified Graduate Aptitude Test of Engineering (GATE) - 2024 in Physics conducted jointly by IISc Bengaluru and seven IITs across the nation, the result of which was declared recently by the National Coordination Board (NCB)-GATE. Both the students now onwards are also eligible for the award of Ph.D. assistantship from their host institute as per rules.



Ph.D Degree Awarded

Ms. Insha Majeed declared dualified for the Award of Ph.D. Degree

Insha Majeed, Daughter of Mukhtar Ahmad Wani, has been declared qualified for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the school of Computer science and Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). The candidate has worked on the topic entitled "Detection of Osteoporosis in X-Ray images using Intelligent vision-based models" under the supervision of Dr. Sakshi Arora, Assistant Professor, School of Computer science and Engineering, SMVDU. Ms. Insha Majeed has published various research papers in SCI/SCIE-indexed journals, presented her research papers at international and national conferences and published various book chapters. The scholar expresses her gratitude to her parents, and supervisor for guidance, and to the school of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVD University, for providing all necessary facilities and support during her research. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other committee members congratulated Ms. Insha Majeed and wished her a bright future.



Ms. Shikha Magotra declared Qualified for the Award of Ph.D. Degree

Ms. Shikha Magotra D/o Sh. Ram Rattan Sharma and Smt. Chander Prabha; W/o Mr. Abhimanyu Bali has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Science and Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra, J&K. The candidate has worked on the topic entitled "Development of Computation Model for Text Segmentation in Takri Script OCR" under the supervision of Dr. Baijnath Kaushik, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, Katra and co-supervision of Dr. Ajay Kaul, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, Katra. Ms. Shikha Magotra has published her research work in various reputed high-impact factor SCI/SCIE and Scopus journals, and also presented papers in international conferences. The candidate expressed her gratitude to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University for granting her the fellowship during her Ph.D. program, and for providing all necessary support and facilities for carrying out the research work. Prof. Pragati Kumar (Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU), Dr. Kumud Ranjhan Jha (Dean Faculty of Engineering), and Dr. Baijnath Kaushik (Supervisor and Head of Department, CSE) congratulated the candidate and wished her a bright future ahead.



SMVDU Researcher declared Qualified for the Award of Ph.D. Degree

Ms. Sneha, D/O Shamboo Nath Raina has been declared qualified for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the School of Computer Science & Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, J&K. She has worked on the topic, titled "Classification in Hyperspectral images using Hybridized Transfer learning approach and Nature Inspired Algorithm", under the supervision of Dr. Ajay Kaul, Associate Professor School of Computer Science & Engineering, SMVDU. During her Ph.D. program, she has published research papers indexed in SCI/SCIE ranked journals. She has presented research papers in various International Conferences. Ms. Sneha, expressed her gratitude to the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III) scheme for providing fellowship during her Ph.D. program. She acknowledged the School of Computer Science and Engineering for providing her with all the necessary facilities and support for conducting her research work. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other committee members congratulated the scholar and wished her a bright future ahead.



ALUMNI

Alumni of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University interacted with the Students

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University is very fortunate that one of our Alumni Shaurya Chakra Awardee Assistant Commandant Bibhor Kumar Singh Visited our Campus . During his stay at SMVDU he interacted with students on several platforms. The School of Electronics and Communication (ECE) organized a successful meetup session at Lecture

Theater of SMVDU, featuring one of its most distinguished alumni. The session provided a platform for students to interact with the alumnus, who shared his college experiences, insights on national development, and the dangers of drug use. The alumnus motivated students to stay away from drugs, highlighting their detrimental impact on both individual and societal well-being. He emphasized the importance of a drug-free life for national progress and social harmony. Drawing from his own life experiences, the alumnus spoke about his dedication to the Indian Army. He



recounted his sacrifices and operational endeavors, inspiring the students with his commitment and bravery. The interactive session proved to be a valuable learning experience for the ECE department members, who expressed their pride in having the opportunity to engage with such an accomplished individual. Dr. Neeraj Tripathi, Dr. Vikram Singh and Mr. Ashish Suri are very instrumental in organizing the event. Dean Faculty of Engineering. Professor Kumud Ranjan Jha felicitated Bibhor Singh and wished him good luck for future. Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, HoD ECE, is thankful to the Honorable Vice Chancellor who is very supportive in this event, without whom it is not possible to organize this enriching event with an Indian Brave Heart. Head School of ECE is also thankful to Registrar, Ajay Kumar Sharma (KAS) and all the administrative staff.

Glimpses of Resurgence



